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SUBJECT: PERMREPS LUNCHEON, MARCH 1, 1977

SUMMARY: AT THEIR REGULAR LUNCHEON ON MARCH 1, NATO  
PERMREPS DISCUSSED THE FOLLOWING:

1. NATO CONSULTATIONS.
  2. NATO SUMMIT.
  3. AWACS.
  4. DANISH DEFENSE PLANS.
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5. CLIFFORD MISSION.
6. ECONOMIC AID TO PROTUGAL.
7. CSCE COMMISSION.
8. UK NAVAL REVIEW.
9. INTERNATIONAL STAFF SALARIES. END SUMMARY.

1. NATO CONSULTATIONS. PERMREPS HELD A WIDE-RANGING  
DISCUSSION ON CONSULTATIONS THAT EMPHASIZED (A) THE GENERAL  
HOPE THAT THE US WOULD INTRODUCE SOON I NATO ITS VIEWS  
ON EAST-WEST ISSUES, PARTICULARLY SALT; (B) THE VIEW SHARED

BY A STRONG MAJORITY THAT THE ALLIES SHOULD STIMULATE MORE ACTIVE CONSULTATIONS IN NAC, AND (C) CONCERN ABOUT THE RELATIVE BALANCE BETWEEN CONSULTATIONS IN NAC AND AMONG THE EC NINE.

ON PROCEDURAL ASPECTS, NONE DISAGREED WITH LUNS' PROPOSAL THAT CONSULTATIONS ON CSCE WITH SENIOR OFFICIALS TAKE PLACE ON APRIL 20. HARTOGH (NETHERLANDS) EXPRESSED GRATITUDE FOR THE INDICATION GIVEN BY STREATOR (US) THAT US SUPPORTED DUTCH SUGGESTION FOR CSCE CONSULTATIONS BETWEEN SESSIONS OF THE BELGRADE MEETING. HARTOGH AGREED THAT THE CONSULTATIONS HE HAD PROPOSED WERE NOT INCONSISTENT WITH FULL CSCE CONSULTATIONS BEFORE THE NAC MINISTERIAL MEETING. DE LA FERRIERE (FRANCE) ALSO FAVORED CSCE CONSULTATIONS BETWEEN THE BELGRADE SESSIONS. PAULS (FRG) URGED THAT CONSIDERATION BE GIVEN TO HOLDING A COUNCIL MEETING ON CSCE ATTENDED BY THE HEADS OF THE ALLIED CSCE DELEGATIONS IN EARLY JUNE, ON THE EVE OF THE BELGRADE PREPARATORY SESSION, IN ORDER TO "GIVE A LAST TOUCH ON A COMMON BASIS TO PLANS FOR ALLIED ACTIVITIES" AT BELGRADE. THERE WAS NO OBJECTION TO LUNS' PROPOSAL THAT A NAC MEETING IN MARCH 17 ADDRESS THE SITUATION IN EASTERN EUROPE AND MATTERS RELATED TO DISSIDENCE AND HUMAN RIGHTS. LUNS SAID HE PLANNED, IN HIS OPENING STATEMENT AT THE NAC, TO REFER TO THE PRESIDENT'S RECENT STATEMENTS ON HUMAN RIGHTS AND HE HOPED THAT A LIVELY DISCUSSION WOULD ENSUE.

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STREATOR, DRAWING ON STATE 44684(DTG010055Z MAR 77) (NOTAL), INDICATED THAT ASSISTANT SECRETARY ATHERTON WOULD BE PREPARED TO BRIEF THE COUNCIL ON MARCH 11 ON THE SECRETARY'S VISIT TO THE MIDDLE EAST AND THERE WAS GENERAL AGREEMENT TO THIS DATE. PAULS NOTED THAT FRG FOREIGN MINISTER GENSHER HAD VISITED THE MIDDLE EAST AND WOULD BE "READY TO INFORM THE COUNCIL" OF HIS FINDINGS. SIMILARLY, HARDY (CANADA) NOTED THAT THE CANADIAN AMBASSADOR TO THE UN ALSO MIGHT BE PREPARED TO REPORT TO THE MEETING ON HIS VISIT TO THE MIDDLE EAST.

PAULS STRESSED THE IMPORTANCE OF EFFECTIVE CONSULTATIONS ON SALT, AND WAS JOINED BY MANY IN HIS VIEW THAT CONSULTATIONS PRIOR TO THE SECRETARY'S VISIT TO MOSCOW WERE "ABSOLUTELY ESSENTIAL," PARTICULARLY GIVEN THE INTERDEPENDENCE OF SALT AND MBFRM SUCH CONSULTATIONS, IN PAULS' VIEW, SHOULD BE IN ADDITION TO ANY BRIEFING FOLLOWING THE SECRETARY'S VISIT TO MOSCOW. EVIDENCE OF UNIVERSAL ALLIED SUPPORT FOR US POSITIONS WOULD STRENGTHEN THE SECRETARY'S HAND IN NEGOTIATIONS AT MOSCOW, PAULS SAID. STREATOR ASSURED PERMREPS THAT THE VICE PRESIDENT'S PLEDGE ON

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BEHALF OF THE PRESIDENT WOULD BE HONORED AND THAT THE  
US WOULD BE MAKING SOME SUGGESTIONS IN THE NEAR  
FUTURE (STATE 32903 DTG 141743Z FEB 77 NOTAL).

REFLECTING UPON THE CURRENT STATE OF NATO CON-  
SULTATIONS, LUNS RECALLED VICE PRESIDENT MONDALE'S  
STATEMENT CONCERNING US READINESS TO INCREASE ITS  
CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE COMMON DEFENSE PROVIDED THE  
ALLIES DID LIKEWISE AND SAID THAT HE BELIEVED IT  
DEEPLY REGRETTABLE THAT THE ALLIES HAD NOT BEGUN TO  
CONSIDER THEIR RESPONSE TO THE US OFFER. TO STIMU-  
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LATE ALLIED THINKING, HE PROPOSED HOLDING EARLY  
CONFIDENTIAL CONSULTATIONS ON POSSIBLE ENHANCEMENTS  
TO CURRENT DEFENSE EFFORTS BY THE ALLIES.  
HE ALSO RECALLED THAT MINISTERS IN DECEMBER  
1976 HAD STATED THE IMPORTANCE OF IMPROVING ALLIED  
DEFENSES AND YET, HE SAID, THE ALLIES HAD BEEN UNABLE  
TO AGREE ON AN INCREASE IN THE NATO INFRASTRUCTURE  
PROGRAM. PAULS, AGREEING WITH LUNS, SUGGESTED THAT  
PERMREPS SCHEDULE AN EARLY PRIVATE MEETING TO DIS-

CUSS INFRASTRUCTURE, AND CATALANO (ITALY) AGREED THAT IT WOULD BE USEFUL FOR PERMREPS TO COME TO GRIPS WITH THIS IMPORTANT QUESTION.

ON A PERSONAL BASIS, KILLICK (UK) SUGGESTED THAT THE US PROVIDE DETAILS FOR A CONSULTATION ON THE US PROPOSED DEFENSE BUDGET. STREATOR ASSURED PERMREPS THAT THE US WOULD SEEK TO RESPOND AS FULLY AS POSSIBLE TO ANY QUERIES ON THE DEFENSE BUDGET AND PLANS FOR SYSTEMS ACQUISITIONS. IN THIS CONNECTION, HE RECALLED THAT MOST CHANGES IN THE BUDGET WERE RELATED TO STRETCH-OUTS IN ACQUISITION, RATHER THAN CHANGES IN THE PROPOSED EVENTUAL LEVELS OF DEPLOYMENTS. KILLICK SAID THAT IT MIGHT BE USEFUL ALSO TO DISCUSS US PLANS FOR FORCE IMPROVEMENTS IN THE EUROPEAN THEATER, FOR EXAMPLE, PROPOSALS FOR SPEEDING UP THE CONSTRUCTION OF AIR-CRAFT SHELTERS.

LUNS SAID HE HAD BEEN PERSONALLY DISTURBED AT THE LACK OF EFFECTIVE ALLIANCE CONSULTATIONS SINCE THE AUTUMN OF 1976. PERHAPS, HE SAID, TOO MANY ITEMS WERE BEING ADDRESSED IN NATO'S POLITICAL COMMITTEE THAT SHOULD BE DEALT WITH BY THE COUNCIL. HE URGED PERMREPS TO CONSIDER THE PROBLEM, FOR HE SAW AN ESSENTIAL NEED FOR THE ALLIES TO HARMONIZE THEIR APPROACHES TO SUCH ISSUES AS HUMAN RIGHTS WHICH HAD IMPORTANT IMPLICATIONS.

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TIONS FOR EAST-WEST RELATIONS.

AT THE SAME TIME, LUNS SAID, HE WAS DISTURBED ABOUT THE BALANCE BETWEEN CONSULTATIONS IN NATO AND IN THE EC NINE POLITICAL CONSULTATIVE MACHINERY. FOR EXAMPLE, HE SAID, HE UNDERSTOOD THAT THE FRG RECENTLY HAD CIRCULATED A PAPER ON EAST-WEST RELATIONS TO THE NINE THAT, IN LUNS' VIEW, SHOULD HAVE BEEN DISCUSSED INITIALLY AMONG THE FIFTEEN. KILLICK, SPEAKING IN HIS ROLE AS REPRESENTATIVE OF THE EC PRESIDENCY, SAID THAT POLITICAL COORDINATION AMONG THE EC FOREIGN MINISTERS WOULD CREATE NO PROBLEM WITH REGARD TO CSCE CONSULTATIONS ON APRIL 20. WITH REGARD TO THE EC-SOVIET FISHERIES NEGOTIATIONS, KILLICK SAID, THE NINE WERE AWARE OF ALLIED INTEREST, AND THE MATTER WOULD BE DISCUSSED IN THE POLADS. HOWEVER, THESE NEGOTIATIONS WERE NOT BEING HANDLED BY THE NINE IN THE FRAMEWORK OF POLITICAL CONSULTATIONS BUT RATHER WERE DIRECTLY RELATED TO THE TREATY OF ROME.

IN RESPONSE TO LUNS' REQUEST FOR AN EARLY UK BRIEFING ON DEVELOPMENTS IN RHODESIA, KILLICK SAID THAT, AS SOON AS UK-US CONSULTATIONS WERE COMPLETE,

HE HOPED THAT THE UK COULD RESUME ITS BRIEFING OF THE  
ALLIES ON AFRICAN DEVELOPMENTS. DE LA FERRIERE  
NOTED THAT HIS AUTHORITIES WERE PLEASED  
THAT THE UK HAD ADOPTED THE PRACTICE OF INFORMING

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ALLIES ON AFRICAN DEVELOPMENTS IN WRITING AND HE  
HOPED THAT THIS PROCEDURE WOULD NOT BE ALTERED.  
KILLICK REPLIED THAT THE UK WOULD NOT WISH TO BE  
BOUND BY PAST PRACTICE AND THAT CONSULTATIONS  
MIGHT ALSO BE USEFUL AT SOME POINT.

WITH REGARD TO CSCE, PAULS SAID THAT THE NINE  
WERE ENGAGED IN INTENSIVE CONSULTATIONS, BUT HE  
ALSO FAVORED CONSULTATIONS IN NATO. MOREOVER, HE  
THOUGHT CSCE WAS TOO IMPORTANT TO LEAVE TO THE  
POLADS FOR TOO LONG AND THAT THE COUNCIL SHOULD SOON  
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BE ENGAGED. BY CONTRAST, DE LA FERRIERE THOUGHT THAT  
CSCE ISSUES WERE TOO COMPLEX TO BE DEALT WITH IN  
DETAIL BY THE PERMREPS AND THUS HE FAVORED CONTINUED  
CONSULTATIONS IN POLADS. HARTOGH VIEWED EC NINE

CONSULTATIONS ON CSCE IN A SOMWHAT DIFFERENT LIGHT, THEY HAD SO PREOCCUPIED OFFICIALS RESPONSIBLE FOR CSCE IN THE NINE CAPITALS THAT THESE OFFICIALS APPEARED TO HAVE FAILED TO GIVE EQUAL ATTENTION TO THE IMPORTANCE OF CSCE CONSULTATIONS IN NATO. HE URGED THE NON-NINE ALLIES TO PUSH FOR ENHANCED CONSULTATIONS IN NATO, NOT ONLY ON CSCE BUT ON OTHER TOPICS OF GENERAL INTEREST. IN HIS VIEW, THERE NEED BE NO CONFLICT BETWEEN CONSULTATIONS AMONG THE NINE AND IN NATO.

HARDY SAID THAT CANADA ATTACHES GREAT IMPORTANCE TO EFFECTIVE CONSULTATIONS IN NATO FLOWING NATURALLY FROM INTERNATIONAL EVENTS.

IN CONCLUDING THE DISCUSSION PAULS STRESSED AGAIN, WITH GENERAL SUPPORT, THAT CONSULTATIONS, ESPECIALLY ON MATTERS AFFECTING ALLIED SECURITY, SHOULD TAKE PLACE BEFORE NATIONAL DECISIONS ARE MADE. LEAVING NO DOUBT THAT HE WAS REFERRING SPECIFICALLY TO THE FORTHCOMING MOSCOW VISIT BY THE SECRETARY, HE ALSO STRESSED THAT POST FACTO BRIEFINGS ON DECISIONS TAKEN WERE NO SUBSTITUTE FOR AN ACTIVE DIALOGUE IN ADVANCE AMONG THE ALLIES ON KEY ISSUES.

NATO SUMMIT. SVART EXPRESSED CONCERN ABOUT REPORTS HE HAD SEEN OF THE WIDE-RANGING ISSUES SLATED TO BE DISCUSSED AT THE LONDON ECONOMIC SUMMIT IN MAY. HE ASKED WHY IT WOULD NOT BE POSSIBLE FOR THE ALLIES TO DISCUSS IN NATO IN ADVANCE THE POLITICAL SUBJECTS LIKELY TO ARISE AT THAT SUMMIT. LUNS NOTED THAT HE HAD NOT BEEN INFORMED OFFICIALLY OF THE FORTHCOMING ECONOMIC SUMMIT, BUT HE BELIEVED THAT PRESIDENT CARTER SHOULD BE PREPARED TO ATTEND A NATO SUMMIT.

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KILLICK SAID HE ANTICIPATED THAT FOREIGN SECRETARY OWEN WOULD DISCUSS THE NATO MEETING WITH LUNS WHEN THE LATTER VISITED LONDON IN ABOUT TWO WEEKS. PAULS COMMENDED SVART FOR RAISING THE ISSUE AND SAID THAT, SINCE THE ECONOMIC SUMMIT AND THE NATO MINISTERIAL MEETING WERE SEPARATED BY ONLY A DAY, HE THOUGHT IT "IMPOSSIBLE" THAT THE ECONOMIC SUMMIT WOULD NOT BE FOLLOWED BY A NATO SUMMIT. IN HIS VIEW, IT WOULD BE A "DISASTROUS" FOR THE ALLIANCE IF THE NATO MEETING WERE NOT HELD AT SUMMIT LEVEL. CATALANO NOTED THAT PAULS HAD EXPRESSED THE VIEW OF "ALMOST ALL" OF THE PERMREPS, AND LUNS PROPOSED AN EARLY PRIVATE MEETING FOR PERMREPS TO DISCUSS FURTHER THE POSSIBILITY OF A NATO SUMMIT.

3. AWACS. LUNS NOTED THAT THE FRG STILL FAVORS AEW, BUT DOES NOT WISH TO BEAR AS MUCH OF THE FINANCIAL BURDEN AS HAD BEEN ENVISAGED. HE ADDED THAT THE FRG, AS HE UNDERSTOOD IT, WAS NOW AWAITING A US REPLY TO

CERTAIN FRG PROPOSALS AND THAT FRG MOD LEBER WAS EXPECTED SOON TO MEET WITH SECRETARY BROWN. HE SAW NO NEED TO PLAN FOR A MEETING OF FINANCIAL EXPERTS AT THIS TIME. PAULS THOUGHT THAT SUCH A MEETING WOULD BE HELPFUL IF THE EXPERTS HAD MORE FLEXIBILITY; WHILE THE FRG WOULD FAVOR A MINISTERIAL MEETING IF THE RESULTS OF A FINANCIAL EXPERTS MEETING WERE FAVORABLE, THE FRG DID

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NOT FAVOR A MINISTERIAL MEETING WHOSE RESULTS MIGHT BE  
NEGATIVE.

HARDY, STRESSING CANADA'S INTEREST IN NATO  
AEW, FAVORED PLANNING FOR A MINISTERIAL MEETING ON  
MARCH 25 AND SAID THAT CANADA WOULD BE PREPARED TO  
PARTICIPATE IN A MEETING OF FINANCIAL EXPERTS. LUNS  
REPEATED THAT HE SAW NO NEED FOR A MEETING OF FINANCIAL  
EXPERTS IF MINISTERS COULD NOT AGREE AT THEIR LEVEL AND  
THOUGHT IT BEST TO AWAIT THE OUTCOME OF ONGOING BILATERAL  
CONSULTATIONS BEFORE TAKING FURTHER STEPS. HE SAID HE  
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UNDERSTOOD THAT IT WOULD BE EXTREMELY DIFFICULT FOR THE

FRG TO INCREASE ITS DEFENSE BUDGET. HARDY, PERSISTING, ASKED IF OTHERS FAVORED A MEETING OF FINANCIAL EXPERTS ON, SAY, MARCH 10 OR 11. HE STRESSED THAT AEW CONCERNED ALL THE ALLIES AND THAT, AT ONE POINT OR ANOTHER, ALL WOULD NEED TO BE BROUGHT INTO THE DISCUSSIONS. ONE COUNTRY ALONE, HE SAID, COULD NOT TAKE A DECISION ON AEW'S FUTURE. KILLICK STRESSED THAT MARCH 25 WOULD BE THE "VERY LAST POSSIBLE TIME" FOR A DEFENSE MINISTERS MEETING.

4. DANISH DEFENSE PLANS. IT WAS AGREED THAT SVART WOULD BRIEF A DPC MEETING MARCH 4 ON THE DEFENSE AGREEMENT REACHED AMONG THE KEY DANISH POLITICAL PARTIES THAT HE SAID CALLS FOR A CUMULATIVE SIX PERCENT INCREASE IN DEFENSE SPENDING OVER A PERIOD OF YEARS. SVART STRESSED THAT ANY COMMENTS FROM THE ALLIES ON DANISH PLANS WOULD NEED TO BE AVAILABLE BY MARCH 20.

5. CLIFFORD MISSION. DRAWING ON STATE 44684 (DTG 010055Z MAR 77) (NOTAL), STREATOR STATED THAT PRESIDENTIAL EMISSARY CLIFFORD INTENDS TO SHARE WITH LUNS, WITHIN THE NEXT WEEK OR SO, HIS THINKING ON THE RESULTS OF HIS MISSION IN VIEW OF LUNS' "WATCHING BRIEF" ON GREECE AND TURKEY.

6. ECONOMIC AID TO PORTUGAL. CALLING ATTENTION TO THE PRESIDENT'S STATEMENT SUPPORTING US PARTICIPATION IN AN INTERNATIONAL CORTIUM TO LEND PORTUGAL UP TO 1.5 BILLION DOLLARS DURING THE NEXT THREE YEARS, STREATOR NOTED THE PRESIDENT'S HOPE THAT US PARTICIPATION WOULD BE APPROVED BY CONGRESS.

7. CSCE COMMISSION. DRAWING ON STATE 44708 (DTG 010227Z MAR 77) (NOTAL), STREATOR BRIEFED ON SECRET

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THE ROLE OF THE CSCE COMMISSION IN US PREPARATIONS FOR THE BELGRADE MEETING.

8. UK NAVAL REVIEW. KILLICK ANNOUNCED PLANS TO INVITE THE COUNCIL TO ATTEND THE NAVAL REVIEW SCHEDULED TO BE HELD AT SPITHEAD ON JUNE 28.

9. INTERNATIONAL STAFF SALARIES. LUNS REPORTED THAT THE SYGS OF THE COORDINATING ORGANIZATIONS HAD MET AT STRASBOURG RECENTLY AND AGREED THAT THE CCG HAD BEGUN TO INTERFERE WITH THE ADMINISTRATIVE PREROGATIVES OF THE SYGS. IN THIS CONNECTION, HE NOTED THAT THE CCG HAS NO OFFICIAL STATUS OR TERMS OF REFERENCE. ACCORDINGLY, HE URGED PERMREPS TO TAKE AN EARLY LOOK AT THIS ISSUE. (COMMENT: THIS

IS THE OPENING GUN, WE BELIEVE, IN A CAMPAIGN TO  
UNDERCUT THE CCG. ACCORDING TO OUR SOURCES IN THE  
IS, LUNS IS SEEKING SPECIFICALLY TO HAVE SALARY  
ISSUES CONSIDERED BY THE NAC BEFORE THEY ARE REFERRED  
TO THE CCG, THUS HOPING TO INFLUENCE NATIONAL GUIDANCE  
TO CCG REPRESENTATIVES. WE WILL FORWARD THE FULL TEXT  
OF LUNS' INTERVENTION ON THIS POINT AS SOON AS IT IS  
AVAILABLE. END COMMENT.)STRAUSZ-HUPE

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